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The Honorable Bruce Duke  
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RE      **John J. Pringle, Jr.**  
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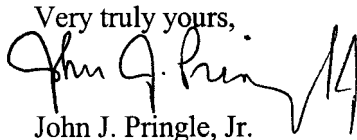
Dear Mr. Duke:

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Joint Petitioners listed above filed a Motion (with the consent and support of BellSouth) requesting that the Commission grant a limited waiver of the application of the nine-month timeframe established by Section 252(a)(4)(c) of the Communications Act. Level Three Communications, Inc. filed a similar request in Docket No. 2004-044-C, also with the consent and support of BellSouth.

We understand that Joint Petitioners' Motion and Level Three's Motion will be on the Commission's Agenda for action at next week's meeting to be held on Tuesday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. Joint Petitioners respectfully request that the Commission grant the parties in both Dockets a brief opportunity (no more than five minutes per presenter) to state their positions on this matter, either at the end of the Agenda Meeting, or at a time later that day that is suitable to the Commission.

Joint Petitioners have conferred with BellSouth and Level Three on this matter, and both parties support this request. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,  
  
John J. Pringle, Jr.

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